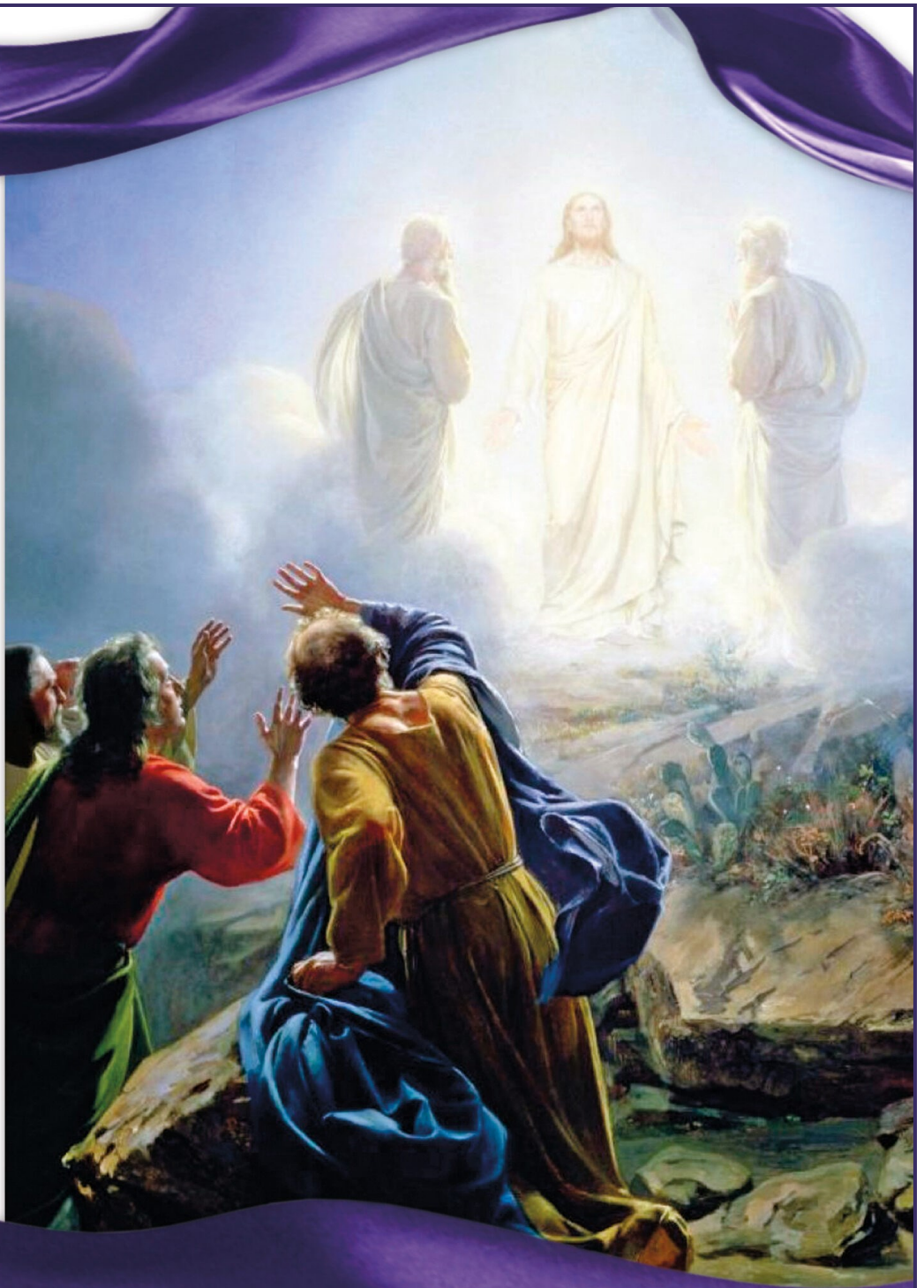


**February 25, 2024**

Jesus took Peter,  
James, and John  
and led them up  
a high mountain  
apart by  
themselves.  
And he was  
transfigured  
before them,  
and his clothes  
became dazzling  
white.

*Mark 9:2,3*

Transfiguration of Jesus  
by Carl Bloch, 1872



2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF  
**LENT**

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## Eucharistic Revival

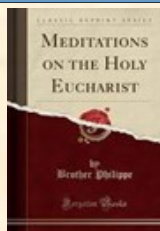


NATIONAL  
Eucharistic  
Revival

### Excerpt from:

*Meditations on the Holy Eucharist*  
by Brother Philippe

### Circumstances Accompanying the Institution of the Holy Eucharist (cont.)



Jesus Christ institutes the Holy Eucharist on the very night he was to be betrayed, and at the hour when his enemies were making ready to seize him. Before delivering himself into their hands to be crucified, he prepares for all men the repast by which they were to live his life; he establishes the sacrifice which, being intended to represent and continue that he is about to fulfill on Calvary, will remain the only true sacrifice. "While at the house of Caiphas" says St. Leo, "and while they are discussing the means of putting him to death, this loving Savior, by establishing the sacrament of his body and his blood, teaches how great is the victim that was afterwards to be offered up to God."

O prodigy of his love for us! It is at the very moment that they are preparing the instruments of his Passion that he gives the greatest proof of his goodness and munificence. Thus, O generous Savior, you reserved the most signal of your favors for that hour when you were to receive the most cruel outrages! When there are no further limits for the ingratitude and malice of men to cross, your love goes beyond the limits it had laid out for itself, and favors us with the most excellent of your gifts. Soon will the scourges inflicted at the pillar, and the nails fastening you to the cross, drain your blood; but you first fill with it the chalice you present to us in the persons of your disciples, to whom you say: "*Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new testament, which shall be shed for many for the remission of sins.*" Ah! How can we think on this prodigy of your goodness without shedding tears of love, admiration, and gratitude?

**Through love he gives us all he possesses - do we through love and gratitude give ourselves wholly to him? . . . Alas! Perhaps we remain cold, insensible towards him. Let it not be so in the future. When the heart of Jesus is all fire towards us, could ours remain all ice to him? Let us enter on the path of divine love and persevere in it.**



Friday Adoration after 8:15 a.m. Mass  
with Benediction at 2:30 p.m.

**Holy Hour after Wednesday 6:00 p.m.  
Mass during Lent.**



### DEVOTION AND MASS:

Please join our parish family on Wednesday evenings for Devotion and Mass.

The Devotion begins at 5:30 p.m. in the church, followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m.

**In February we are praying the  
Litany to Our Lady of Lourdes**

### PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

Fr. Leopold Mushobozi, Parish Administrator  
Fr. Deogratias Mpewo, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Ed Mohrbacher  
Deacon Michael Smith

#### TRUSTEES

Tom Murray John Powers

#### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elizabeth Kelley

#### DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Jonathan Young

#### TRIBUNAL AUDITOR

Deacon Ed Mohrbacher

### MASSES

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m.  
Weekdays: 7:00 a.m. Mon., Tue., & Thurs.  
6:00 p.m. Wed.; 8:15 a.m. Fri.

**DEVOTION** 5:30-6:00 p.m. Wednesday

### HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE

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### HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Greg Koerner, Principal  
410 W. White, Champaign, Illinois, 61820  
Phone: 217-356-9521 Fax: 217-356-1745

### ADORATION

Fridays after the 8:15 a.m. Mass with Benediction  
at 2:30 p.m.

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00-5:00 p.m.  
Mon, Tue, Thur, 6:30-6:45 a.m., Fri. 7:45-8:00 a.m.  
Or by appointment.

**BAPTISM:** Second and fourth Sunday of the month, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Parents must be registered members and attend baptismal preparation sessions, preferably before the birth of the child. Contact the Parish Office 3 months in advance to schedule.

**MATRIMONY:** Couples contemplating marriage should call the Office at least 8 months in advance. At least one partner must be a registered parishioner at Holy Cross and be actively practicing the faith. If you have had a previous marriage, set no marriage date until you have discussed this with your Pastor.

**CARE OF THE SICK:** Call the Parish Office to make arrangements at any time for Communion and/or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Two Wednesdays prior to the bulletin in which the information will be posted.

# Second Sunday of Lent

## OUR PARISH

### HOLY CROSS MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Catholic Community of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is to provide a home for all who wish to join our spiritual family and share our Catholic beliefs and values. We are here to continue the life-giving works of Jesus Christ, to make His name known and loved, and to live our lives according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, under the leadership of the Bishop of the Peoria Diocese.

### LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>March 2</b> Lector: Tim Spila EMHC: John Bingaman, Patty Bingaman, Joslyn Unger Servers: Garrett, Nick, Zora, Samantha Unger
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>March 3</b> Lector: Jay Geistlinger EMHC: Barry Dickerson, Mary Shelden Servers: Nicolette Burton, Nolan Kiser
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Lector: Michael Roedelbronn EMHC: John Dixon, Pat Dixon, Bonita Higerson, Dawn Friedman Servers: Abby, Chris, Tim Friedman
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Lector: Matthew Korah EMHC: Jan Weber Servers: Kristina Maloney, Avery Natschke

### ††† Masses For The Week

#### Monday, February 26

7:00 a.m. Mabel Ferrie

#### Tuesday, February 27

7:00 a.m. Jennifer Deponai

#### Wednesday, February 28

6:00 p.m. Carol Bergeson

#### Thursday, February 29

7:00 a.m. Teresa Kim Nguyen

#### Friday, March 1

8:15 a.m. First Friday Memorial

#### Saturday, March 2

5:30 p.m. Stanley Trinaystich

#### Sunday, March 3

8:00 a.m. In honor of Hannah Breer

10:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

4:00 p.m. Bob Weber

There is NO Precious Blood at 4 p.m. Masses in March

### THE ECUMENICAL MEMORIAL PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

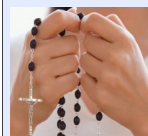
**Rescheduled** - Feb. 26th at 7 p.m.

Windsor Road Christian Church,  
2501 West Windsor Rd, Champaign, IL

**Theme:** "The Power of an Open Heart"

**Speaker:** Joy Pace, Holy Cross Pro-Life Committee

Join us for this Free event! Reception and fellowship follows.



### PRAYING THE ROSARY AFTER MORNING MASS

Please join us as we pray the Rosary after the 7:00 a.m. Mass on Mon, Tue, & Thur.



### FISH FRY CAKE SALE DONATIONS NEEDED!



The Children of Hope and Faith will be hosting their annual cake sale at the Fish Frys this year!

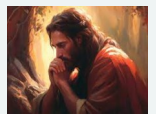
Slices of cakes will be .50 cents each and 100% of the sales are donated to The Children of Hope and Faith to raise tuition for Holy Cross's sponsored child, Lydia Patrick.

We are looking for donations of cake mixes, frostings, eggs, and oil. **For each sheet cake we use 3 boxes of the same cake mix, 3 cans of frosting, 9 eggs and about 1½ cups of vegetable oil.** A gluten free dessert and angel food cake are also served each time, but we do not need any donations for those.

Please contact Sharon Kristovich at (217) 355-2096 or [kristomail@comcast.net](mailto:kristomail@comcast.net) if you have any questions or have a special request. Thank you in advance for your support!



**COFFEE AND DONUTS** - Come over to the Parish Center after the Sunday morning Masses for a cup of coffee and a delicious donut.



### Join us for our Monthly Encounter Nights

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday** - after 6:00 p.m. Mass  
--> in the Parish Center

Come and learn more about our faith!

**4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday** - after 6:00 p.m. Mass --> in the church  
Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
followed by Benediction

**Come and spend time with Him!**



### EASTER FLOWER FUND

Our beautiful Easter altar decorations are made possible through gifts to the Flower Fund. If you'd like to make a donation in the name of a loved one, please place your gift in the collection basket in a plain envelope marked "Easter Flower Fund." Include a note with the names of those to be remembered. The names will be listed in the bulletin.

### HOLY CROSS PARISH/SCHOOL BOOKKEEPER FULL-TIME POSITION OPEN

Holy Cross Parish has an immediate opening for a Bookkeeper. This is a full-time position that handles the finances for both the church and school.

**Primary Purpose:** Under the direct supervision of the Pastor and/or Principal, to assist in the administration of the school and parish's accounts payable function, ensuring the accuracy and timely payment of invoices, maintaining accurate account balances, in conformance with policies and practices as well as applicable laws and regulations.

Accounting experience required.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Holy Cross Parish Office at (217) 352-8748 or by email at [office@holycrosscatholic.org](mailto:office@holycrosscatholic.org).



### The 2023 Tax Statements are ready to be distributed.

Please contact the Parish office by phone (217) 352-8748, or email ([office@holycrosscatholic.org](mailto:office@holycrosscatholic.org)), if you would like your tax statement. We can send it to you, or you can pick it up in the office Mon - Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thank You!

### Collection

Offering for Feb.17th/18th.....\$5,390.00

Thank You Very Much!



### Check out the new bookcase in the back of church!

**Books are free – read, return  
or pass along to someone else.**

Donations accepted but not necessary.  
Place any money in an envelope marked  
'bookcase' and drop it in the collection  
basket or drop it off at the parish office.

### Do you see someone at Mass you don't recognize?

Go up and say hello. You may just be the one who welcomes this new member into our Parish Family.

### LENTEN MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

All are invited to a Lenten Morning of Recollection to contemplate, "*The Miracle of the Rosary!*"

Father Leo will present a meditation on the history and the importance of this prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be time for quiet prayer and an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



The morning will end with Benediction.

Saturday, March 9, 2024

9 – 11:30 a.m.

Holy Cross Church

### Lent 2024



*The Faithful are encouraged to celebrate the  
paschal mystery during the season of Lent  
by devoting themselves more deeply  
to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.*

**Wednesdays: February 28 / March 6, 13, 20, 27**

6:00 p.m. - Mass

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Holy Hour with Exposition,  
Meditation, Adoration, Benediction

**March 27** -1:00 p.m. – Living Stations of the Cross (in Church)

**Fridays: March 1, 8, 15, 22**

8:15 a.m. - School Mass

9:00 a.m. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. - Confessions

2:30 p.m. - Benediction

5:30 p.m. - **Pray and Stay** - Stations of the Cross  
followed by the Fish Fry

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Fish Fry ~~ **Free Will Offering** ~~

Dine in or pick up available at the door off of the play-  
ground parking lot. Cake is 50¢ a piece (proceeds go to  
Children of Hope and Faith)

### Sacred Triduum:

**March 28, Holy Thursday**

7:30 p.m. - Mass

**March 29, Good Friday**

3:00 p.m. - Service

**March 30, Easter Vigil**

7:30 p.m.- Mass

**Easter Sunday: March 31**

8:00 a.m. - Mass

10:00 a.m.- Mass

Communal Penance Services to be announced





**High School of St. Thomas More**  
**217-352-7210**  
[www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org)

**Spring Open House.** Is high school on the horizon for your son or daughter? We invite all families with middle schoolers to STM's Spring Open House, which will be held on Wednesday, March 20th from 6 to 8 p.m. Current students will give building tours and faculty/staff will be present to answer questions about what The High School of St. Thomas More has to offer. Questions? Email [admissions@hs-stm.org](mailto:admissions@hs-stm.org) for more information. We hope to welcome you to the Saber family soon!

**Admissions Application Open for 2024-25 School Year**  
 STM is accepting admissions applications for the next school year. Go to [www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org) and click the menu in the upper right corner, then "Apply Now" to get started today. Have questions? Contact the Enrollment Office at [admissions@hs-stm.org](mailto:admissions@hs-stm.org). We hope and pray to welcome you and your child to the Saber family!

**7th & 8th Grade Student Shadow Visits:** Do you have a 7th or 8th grader interested in attending STM? Sign them up for a Shadow Visit Day! Generally on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of each month, these visits give a prospective student a chance to see firsthand what STM is all about by following a current Saber for a day. To sign your son or daughter up, go to [hs-stm.org](http://hs-stm.org) and click the "Visit" button in the menu on the homepage. Questions? Email Rachael McMillan at [admissions@hs-stm.org](mailto:admissions@hs-stm.org).

**Job Opportunities:** STM is seeking applications for a Bus Driver. If interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at [stmbridget@hs-stm.org](mailto:stmbridget@hs-stm.org), Mr. Corapi at [acorapi@hs-stm.org](mailto:acorapi@hs-stm.org), and Jon Marston, Athletic Director, at [jmarston@hs-stm.org](mailto:jmarston@hs-stm.org).

**GOD IS GOOD, ALL THE TIME.  
 ALL THE TIME, GOD IS GOOD.**



#### **PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH FOR PEACE**

St Joseph, teach us the ways of peace and wisdom. Protect us from the evil that breeds hatred in our hearts. Heal the brokenness in our hearts. Release us from the bondage of fear and distrust of our neighbors, especially those who are strangers in our midst.

Help us be strong in defense of justice and care for the poor. Help our Church be a prophetic leader in the struggle for world peace. Help us to be generous and constant in praying for this peace. Amen.

#### **Holy Cross Parish Directory Update**

Thank you all for your patience regarding the Holy Cross Directory. It is still a work in progress, but should be here by Spring. We were able to get some additional credits to use for the directory if we took our pictures by the end of August, so we took advantage of that offer knowing we still wouldn't get it completed until Spring. Thank you again for your patience!



**Holy Cross School**  
**217-356-9521**  
[www.holycrosselem.org](http://www.holycrosselem.org)

#### **HOLY CROSS MISSION:**

Holy Cross School is a faith-centered community fostering lives of service, integrity, and life-long learning. We are committed to Catholic education founded on Gospel centered values and the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. We are called to be Christ for others and to see Christ in others.

#### **Save the Date:**

Fine Arts Night March 26  
 Bingo April 5  
 Spring Musical "Cinderella" April 11-13  
 Bingo May 3  
 First Communion May 4  
 Spring Concert May 7

**WE ARE HOLY CROSS!**



**Did you Know? Your child can attend a  
 Catholic School  
 Financial Assistance Is Available.**

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria **ROOTED IN FAITH** Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2024-2025 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are active members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed.

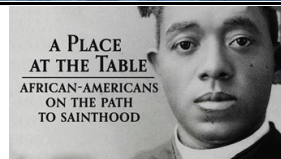
Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website [www.cdop.org](http://www.cdop.org) under Catholic Education and then under Financial Assistance.

Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award.

Parents must apply online at: [online.factsmgt.com/aid](http://online.factsmgt.com/aid). Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2024-2025 school year must reapply. Deadline date for the completed application is **April 26, 2024**.

Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2024.





## A PLACE AT THE TABLE

There are no African-American Saints formally recognized within the Catholic Church, but that could soon change.

There are six incredible black men and women who are on the path to Canonization. The Catholic Church is starting to recognize their impact and may soon name any or all of them Saints. It's time to hear their stories.

### Venerable Pierre Toussaint

Born enslaved, Toussaint gained success as a hairdresser and used his resources to serve the poor.

### Servant of God Mary Lange

Lange was the founder of the Oblate Sisters of Providence and the first African-American superior of any religious order.

### Venerable Henriette Delille

Legally unable to join a religious order because of her African heritage, Delille started the Sisters of the Holy Family, an order that still ministers to people today.

### Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton

Tolton escaped slavery and traveled to Rome to become ordained. He was the first African-American priest in the United States.

### Servant of God Julia Greeley

Greeley was an enslaved woman who became free, converted to Catholicism, and consecrated her life to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

### Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman

Bowman converted to Catholicism as a child, became a nun, and spent her life singing, teaching, and preaching to promote devotion to Christ.



## PRO-LIFE



## Pro-Life Billboard Project

WHEN: Ongoing

WHERE: on private land in central Illinois (i.e., farmland, outside a church or business, can attach to an already existing sign or on a building)

WHAT: With the help of generous donors, landowners, and volunteer laborers, we have now installed 23 of these Pro-Life Billboards across greater central Illinois. These 4' tall x 8' wide signs are intended to help foster a stronger Culture of Life, and for women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy to know where to find help. Different designs and both one-sided and double-sided Pro-Life Billboards are available. Additional help and involvement is always welcome.

Additional landowners are needed to simply allow Billboards on their property, especially alongside highways. Donations of any amount are much appreciated. Please contact Renée for how to make a tax-deductible donation.

CONTACT: Renée at 217-607-0811 (landline, no texting) or [reneemullen1@comcast.net](mailto:reneemullen1@comcast.net)

## SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

The advertisements that appear completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened. Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity.

### Thrivent Financial



## WEEK TWO | RESTORE LENT

with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

In Week 2 of *Restore*, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, discusses the practice of fasting and how it can heal your relationship with yourself. Jesus desires to love us and bring us back into communion with him. When you say NO to something through fasting, this allows you to say YES to the true desires of your heart—to love and be loved.

Our Parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) to sign up.

## HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families  
Menke & Leahy Families  
James, Marie, Paul, Joe, & Edward, Knoke  
Living & Dec. Mem. of Donato, Pace, Follis Families  
Dec. Mem. of Mueller, Neunhoffer, Willard Families  
Robert F. Reiser Family  
Dec. Mem. of Corkery, Cox, Murray Families  
Nichols, Oetzel, Parod & Fotzler Families  
Dec. Mem. of Happ, Krueger Families  
Ed & Jean Bown  
Chuck, Chad, Meghan Schweighart  
Larry Hausmann, Bob Soucie  
Living & Dec. Mem. of Cler & Flavin Families  
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Pastore, Buzinsky, & Piccolo Families  
Lamendola/Smith/Hammers Families  
Hammel & Mitsdarfer Families  
Margaret & Eldon Tufte and Dec. Mem. of their family  
Barham & Bosch Families

Tangora & Kovera Families  
William McMahon, Linda & Mike Wesolowski  
McNamara & Mulcahey Family  
Living & Dec. Mem. of Giuffre & Cacioppo Families  
Boudreau & Arseneau Family  
Aloysius J. Winka  
Charlie & Evelyn Bell  
Zeilenga Family  
Rentfrow Family  
Towner Family  
Haggin Family  
Rakers-Wade Families  
Hershberger & Kick Families  
Dec. Mem. of Cochrane-O'Brien families  
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of David & Bernice Williams Family  
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Graham, Fellers & Gordon Family  
John E. Sullivan Family

Birdie & Edward Cronau  
Raymond Timpone  
Maxine Timpone  
Margaret B. Schwenk  
Living & Dec. Mem. of Schwenk Family  
Perrodin Family  
Living & Dec. Mem. of McNabney Family  
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Eli & Hazel Kinser Family  
Menacher & Sizer Families  
Leonard & Loretto Doyle  
Alan & Patricia Berndt  
Thomas McCarthy  
Costello Family  
Leta & Kenny Porter  
Ron Murphy  
Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families  
Living & Dec. Mem. of Williams, Lykins, Barham Fam.